

judicial reform that has taken place in the State in the hundred years of our present State Constitution. The complete reorganization of the Police Department of Baltimore City is one of the greatest tasks the General Assembly has ever been called upon to perform. That it did so, at one session and with all the other work before it, is to its everlasting credit. The anti-social activities of a segment of our juvenile population is one of the great unsolved problems of our time, and the General Assembly grasped this problem firmly at this session. It set up a new governmental agency—a new Department of Juvenile Services—and gave it the responsibility for developing and administering an effective program for the care, treatment and rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents. I mentioned the establishment of a new agency to operate a program of educational and cultural television, one of the few gaps in Maryland's system of public education. The authorization of a Chesapeake Bay crossing, whatever your personal prejudices or predilections as to location may be, is a major step forward in our highway program. Add to this a second harbor tunnel, new bridges across the Patuxent River and the Sinepuxent Bay, plus the addition of \$60 million in bonding authority for the acceleration of our road-building program, and it sounds a little silly to call this a “do-nothing” session.

If you depended upon the newspapers, or upon radio or television, to keep yourself informed about happenings in Annapolis during the session, you know little about a new gun-control law; about the insurance bills and the marine conservation measures I mentioned; about a significant move forward in our program of driver education. You have little, if any, knowledge about a bill which I have signed which sets up the machinery and a program to make available to all citizens of Maryland community mental health services, moving the State forward in a new concept for the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of the mentally ill in their local communities. And, if you depended upon these media for your information, you know nothing at all about two very important bills relating to the problem of water pollution. One was a bill requiring all counties to develop county-wide plans for water-supply and sewerage systems. The other authorizes the issuance of \$8,795,000 in State bonds, to be augmented with federal funds, for the continuation of a sewerage program started by the Health Department last year. I thought these two Administration bills to be of sufficient importance to issue press releases on them, but in the welter of the spectacular and the sensational, they remained unheralded.

Some of the journalists who covered the General Assembly wrote